(b) and (c) The poverty line is updated for use in the Seventh Plan period taking into account the price rise in the consumption basket of the poor using the CSO's private consumption deflator as a proxy for the price rise in the consumption basket. Accordingly, the poverty line for the household works out to Rs. 6400 per annum for the rural sector and Rs. 7300 per annum for the urban sector at 1984-85 prices. The basis of the estimation of poverty line based on the desired requirements of calories of 2400 per person per day in the rural area and 2100 per person per day in the urban area have remained unchanged.

Comparative benefits of IAS and IPS officers

1198. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative benefits including perks etc., presently being enjoyed by the IPS and IAS Officers; and

(b) whether there has been any demand by the IPS and IAS Officers for further benefits, if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The pay scales for posts in the senior scale and above for IAS are higher than those prescribed for the IPS. The other benefits are, however, regulated by the same set of rules for both IAS and IPS. In addition, the IPS officers are entitled to Kit Maintenance Allowance and Uniform Grant.

(b) Yes, Sir. There have been demands by the IAS and IPS officers for improvement of pay, pension and the various other conditions of service and the whole matter has been remitted to the Fourth Pay Commission.

Criminal cases against JNU students

1199. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of criminal cases pending before various courts in Delhi against students/ex-students of JNU;

(b) whether there was any request for withdrawal of any such cases;

(c) whether any case was withdrawn recently;

(d) if so, what are the names of the accused and charges withdrawn against them; and

(e) what other steps Government are taking to ensure amity on the campus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) In all 5 criminal cases were pending before the various courts in Delhi against the students of J.N.U.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Out of the five criminal cases, two cases FIR No. 147 and 148/83 under sections 147/149/341/342/506/186/353/332/447/148 IPC Police Station Vasant Bihar, registered against 370 J.N.U. students (320 male and 50 female) were withdrawn by the Delhi Administration on 21-9-1985.

(e) The steps taken to ensure amity on the campus are as under:—

(i) Intensive foot and mobile patrolling.

(ii) Armed patrolling with walkie-talkie sets and wireless fitted motor cycles.

(iii) Increase in police vigilance and preventive action.

(iv) JNU had established machinery and procedures for redressal of grievances of various sections of students' community.

Advisory Committee for Lakshadweep

1200. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any Advisory Committee for Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the names of members of the Committee, the criteria for their selection, tenure and the functions of the committee;

(c) whether it is a fact that except Lakshadweep, all other Union Territories have their own administration set up;

(d) whether Government propose to instal one similar to that of Union Territorial Council or the DNH's panchayat; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Proposals for the reconstitution the Home Minister's Advisory Committee and the Administration's Advisory Council for Lakshadweep are under consideration.

(c) All Union Territories, including Lakshadweep, have well-established administrative set ups.

(d) and (e) The matter is being examined.

Antarctica Treaty

1201. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Antarctica Treaty very clearly specifies that a view to preserve the pristine environment of the area nothing shall either be removed or added in the continent by any of the signatory, countries who have established bases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while countries like USSR and USA follow this strictly, India is grossly violating this provision of the Treaty; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The Antarctica Treaty specifically prohibits nuclear explosion and disposal of radio-active waste material. The Contracting Parties recognise their prime responsibility for the protection of the Antarctic environment. India, as a Contracting Party, is strictly abiding by its Treaty obligations.

(b) No, Sir. India has not violated the provisions of the Antarctica Treaty.

(c) Does not arise.

Sanctioning of Andhra Pradesh Projects

1202. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item